(b) whether on a following day, they were allowed to perform their journey after having stayed overnight in a Gurudwara;

(c) if so, the details;

(d) whether Air India authorities failed to avoid such a situation towards sportsmen returning after play; and

(e) if so, the details?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The Team decided on their own not to board the flight since they wanted time to sort out the excess baggage problem.

(b) and (c) The Team scheduled to travel by flight AI-403 of 29th October, 1991 from Singapore, subsequently left by Air India flight No. AI-407 on 31st October, 1991.

(d) No, Sir. In fact Air India extended all possible assistance and concessions to the Team.

(e) Does not arise.

Expenditure incurred by Indian Airlines on inaugural function for its winter schedule

232. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines made elaborate arrangements at its different centres for celebrating inaugural functions of its winter schedule from November 1, 1991;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) total amount spent for these functions;

(d) whether guests were given gifts on the occasion;

(e) if so, the nature of gifts and totol amount spent for gifts; and

(f) whether these activities are in confirmity with the drive for economy in Government expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Simple functions were organised on limited scale at limited locations. The invitees comprised mainly of local Press leading citizens and representatives of the people.

(c) The amount spent was negligible.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

Fall in prices of nylon filament yarn, polyester filament yarn and polyester staple fibre

233. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Nylon Filament Yarn, Polyester Filament Yarn and Polyester Staple Fibre have registered a fall in relation to the fair selling prices as worked out by the BICP;

(b) whether prices of raw materials (both imported and indigenous) that go into the production of the said items have registered a sharp increase; if so, what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) what remedial measures are being taken by Government to ease the situation in the interest of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) While the selling prices of Polyester Staple Fibre and Polyester Filament Yarn are marginally above the BICP nor-